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1. The continued success of the Tito regime in foreign policy, together with the financial aid Yugoslavia has received from [REDACTED] Western powers, has caused the Yugoslav people to begin to believe that the regime is stable. As a result, they are losing hope that the Western powers want to force the regime to grant concessions that would improve their political and economic condition. Tito, who was hated and ridiculed by the majority of the Yugoslav people, is now receiving their admiration and esteem because of his successful maneuvers in international policy and because of his prominent position abroad. The recent Yugoslav-Soviet meeting in Belgrade will in all probability increase the people's respect for Tito. 25X1
2. Governmental, commercial and industrial workers are inadequately paid and suffer many hardships, as a result of which they perform their work in an apathetic manner. As they lose hope that the West will aid them, many of them are beginning to accept the view that the only way to improve their position is through harder and more effective work. This in turn will result in improving the position of the regime.
3. The peasants, however, are less disposed to collaborate with the regime. Conservative by nature and resentful of the regime's former agrarian policy, they still admire Tito's successful maneuvers in international affairs and express this admiration in earthy jokes. However, they do not trust the regime. The farmers could easily increase their production by harder work but their experience in the past ten years has made them aware that the regime will find some way to take from them the profits resulting from their increased work. Consequently, they work just enough to cover their own needs.
4. The establishment of the Communes has interested the people and is causing them to collaborate with the authorities, as they are personally interested

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in where the Commune authorities will be located. Their attendance at the conferences and negotiations for the establishment of the Communes is voluntary and eager, as they have a personal interest in their respective village becoming the seat of the Commune or of the community. By using this interest on the part of the people, the regime will attract many people to collaborate actively in the local administration and thereby improve its relations with the masses.

Comment: [redacted] the most important problem now existing in Yugoslavia is the change in the populace's attitude in favor of the regime. [redacted]

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on the part of the regime to concentrate its authority. [redacted]

[redacted] the above change in the attitude of the people could result in a complete, active and sincere collaboration with the regime on the part of Nationalist employees and workers, who are resigned to their fate unless the Western powers show in some way or another that the Yugoslav people are not abandoned to Communism.

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